

Watch Repairer

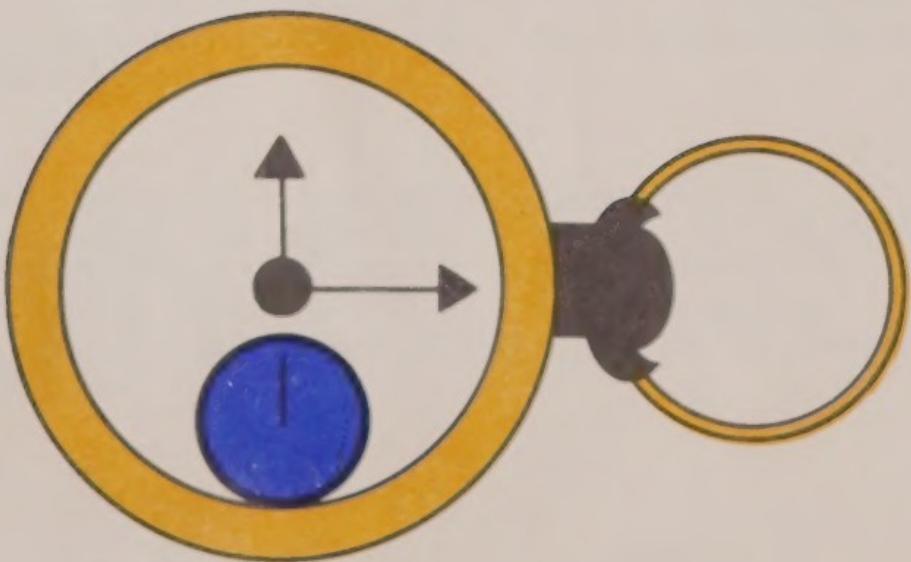
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Watch repairing is a respected craft which demands a high degree of mechanical skill, dexterity and exactness. For persons interested in this career, the Manpower Training Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities has established an apprenticeship training program which leads to a Certificate of Qualification.

Requirements

The applicant for apprenticeship must have passed his 16th birthday and hold educational qualifications of Grade 10 or the equivalent. He should enjoy working with mechanical devices and appreciate the importance of precision. He requires good eyesight and a high degree of manipulative skill.

Duties

Today's watch repairer must be capable of handling complicated timepieces such as automatic, electric and electronic watches and chronographs. His duties include:

- making or fitting parts for timepieces;
- repairing, altering and assembling timepieces;
- determining the condition of timepieces and estimating the repairs necessary;
- cleaning, polishing, lubricating, testing and regulating timepieces.

Training

The apprenticeship training program consists of three periods of training and instruction of 1,800 hours each, which equals about three years. Early in his training the apprentice attends a 24-week basic course at a College of Applied Arts and Technology and in the final period he returns for eight weeks of advanced training. The remainder of the apprenticeship consists of practical training and experience with his employer.

Earning While Learning

One of the advantages of apprenticeship is that the trainee earns while he learns. The apprentice starting rate of pay is not less than 40 per cent of the journeyman rate and this increases to 60 and 80 per cent respectively in his second and third periods of training.

While attending school the apprentice's tuition is paid and he receives a living allowance which varies according to his marital status. These benefits are provided by the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration or the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities depending on the time the apprentice has spent in the work force.

Alternate Training

Persons who do not enrol as apprentices may acquire the same qualifications through a fee-paying course of three full terms at a College of Applied Arts and Technology. On graduating, they are eligible to write the Ministry of Colleges and Universities examination for a Certificate of Qualification.

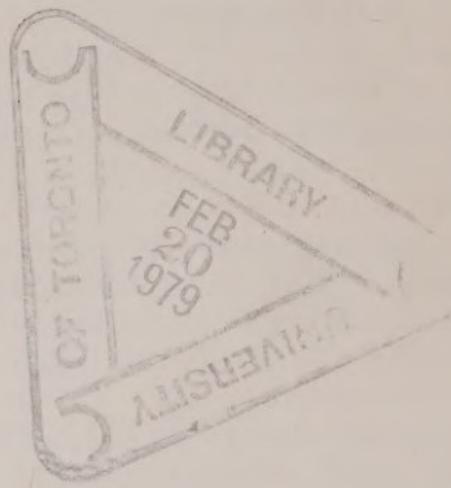
Employment

Only persons who hold a Certificate of Qualification and registered apprentices may work as watch repairers in Ontario. The majority are employed in retail jewellery stores but in some larger centres there are specialist businesses which do watch and clock repairs only.

There is a growing shortage of properly trained and qualified watch repairers. Many watch repairers open their own businesses and others move into the well-paid industrial instrumentation field. So long as time continues to play an important part in our lives, there will be a demand for skilled watch repairers.

Enquiries

All enquiries concerning apprenticeship should be addressed to the nearest district office listed on the back of this leaflet or to the Director of Manpower Training, Manpower Training Branch, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Mowat Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1C2.



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